

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-11, 13, 14, 17-20, 22, 23, 25-29, 35, 37-40 and 52-54 remain in the application and claims 43-45 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

The cancellation of claim 43 renders moot the rejection thereof under 35 USC 102(b).

The cancellation of claims 44 and 45 renders moot the rejection thereof under 35 USC 103.

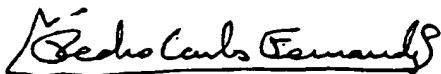
Therefore, because only allowed claims remain in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

The reference cited as of interest has been reviewed and is not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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